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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 3724  
PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q61364

Hisato YOSHII

Appln. No.: 09/688,863

Group Art Unit: 3724

Confirmation No.: 2476

Examiner: Charles Goodman

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For: ROTARY CUTTING MACHINE FOR CORRUGATED CARDBOARD PLATE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1 and 7 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

*B1*  
2. (Once Amended) The cutting machine for cutting the flat cardboard plate as claimed in Claim 6, wherein each of the first and second rotary cutters rotates in such a direction as to permit a leading portion of the respective rotary cutter, with respect to a direction of movement relative to the flat cardboard plate, to plunge into the flat cardboard plate.